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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No. 60/268,933 filed on February 16, 2001

Inventor(s): RUDEL, Ulrich; STANGE, Andreas Friccius;
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For: METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF OPTICAL (BIO)CHEMICAL DEVICES

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of Twenty-Nine (29) pages
- Three (3) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- Preliminary Amendment

Information Sheet

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application claims priority on provisional Application No. 60/268,933 filed on February 16, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--

Other:

Provisional application filed in English:
 YES NO

If "NO," an English translation with a Statement of Accuracy:
 is attached hereto will follow.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The

original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

- A check in the amount of \$866.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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